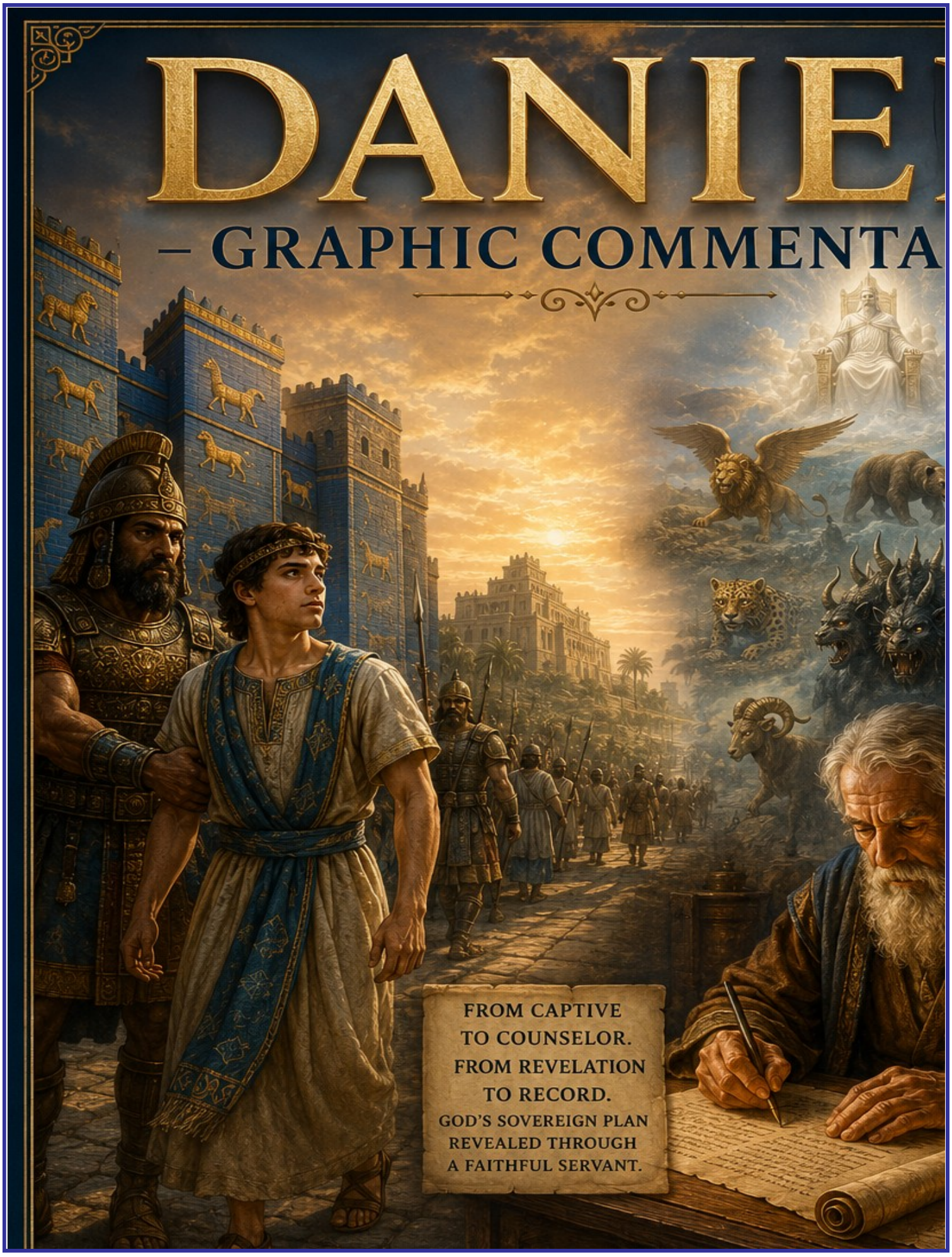
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– GRAPHIC COMMENTA
FROM CAPTIVE
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FROM REVELATION
TO RECORD.
GOD'S SOVEREIGN PLAN
REVEALED THROUGH
A FAITHFUL SERVANT.

THE BOOK OF DANI

God is Sovereign Over the Nations

INTRODUCTION

The Book of Daniel is one of the most remarkable books in the Bible. It combines **HISTORY** (chapters 1–6) with **APOCALYPTIC VISIONS** (chapters 7–12) that reveal God's plan for the future.
The setting begins in 605 BC, when Daniel, a young Jewish exile, was taken to Babylon. Through faithfulness, wisdom, and God's miraculous protection, he served under the Babylonian and later the Persian empires.

CENTRAL MESSAGE: God is sovereign over the kingdoms of the world. Earthly empires rise and fall, but God's kingdom will triumph forever. (Daniel 2:44; 7:13–14, 27)

CRITICAL (LIBERAL) SCHOLARSHIP: 3 KEY POINT AND THE CONSERVATIVE RESPONSE

#	LIBERAL CRITICISM	CONSERVATIVE
1 **PROPHECIES OF GREECE AND ANTIOCHUS IV**	Daniel 11 is so detailed that it must have been written after the events occurred (around 165 BC). The "prophecies" are considered history written as prophecy *(vaticinium ex eventu)*.	• God can reveal future ever • Daniel accurately predicte Medo-Persian and Greek division of Alexander's kir and the actions of Antioch in advance. (Daniel 2, 7, 8 • Many other Old Testament fulfilled with similar detail (e
2 **DANIEL 11 BECOMES LESS ACCURATE NEAR THE END**	Daniel describes historical events accurately until Antiochus IV, but the final verses do not match how he died. This suggests the author was writing during Antiochus' reign and expected a different outcome.	• Many conservatives believe from Antiochus IV to a futu often identified with the An • The subject changes, so th describing Antiochus' deat not inaccurate. • Others view the passage a that fits Antiochus in a bro sense (e.g., his arrogance, end through judgment).
3 **LANGUAGE (HEBREW, ARAMAIC, PERSIAN, AND GREEK WORDS)**	The presence of Greek loanwords suggests the book was written after Greek culture became widespread following	• Daniel contains only a few related to musical instrum easily have entered the Ne trade before Alexander. • The Aramaic resembles Im

The History of Jud

From the Original

Judah is one of the original tribes of Israel, descended from Judah, the fourth son
Its legacy is woven through covenant, monarchy, exile, and restoration—
a testimony of faithfulness through generations.

Timeline of Judah

c. 1720 BC — The Patriarchs
Judah is born to Jacob and Leah (Genesis 29:35).

c. 1650 BC — In Egypt
The family of Jacob (Israel) dwells in Egypt. Judah's descendants grow into a great people.

c. 1446 BC — The Exodus
The tribe of Judah leaves Egypt under Moses during the Exodus.

c. 1406 BC — In the Promised Land
Judah receives its inheritance in the territory south of the Dead Sea (Joshua 15).

c. 1020 BC — The United Kingdom
Judah is part of the united kingdom under King Saul, then King David.

c. 1000 BC — The Kingdom of Judah
After Solomon, the kingdom is divided. Judah remains with Jerusalem as its capital.

c. 931–586 BC — The Kings of Judah
Judah is ruled by a line of kings, including Hezekiah, Josiah, and others—experiencing both faithfulness and decline.

586 BC — The Babylonian Exile
Jerusalem is destroyed by Babylon. The people of Judah are exiled.

538 BC — The Return
Cyrus the Great of Persia allows the exiles to return and rebuild the temple.

c. 168 BC — The Abomination of Desolation
Antiochus IV Epiphanes desecrates the temple, setting up the abomination of desolation and

Key Highli

- Judah was the royal tribe.
- From Judah came King D and through him, the Me
- Jerusalem was the heart and the center of God's p
- Judah's story is one of co discipline, and hope.

The Land of Judah

The territory of Judah was located in the southern part of Canaan, bordered by the Dead Sea, the Wilderness, and the Philistine Plain.

The Legacy of J

"The scepter shall not depart
nor the ruler's staff from betw

Daniel - What he would have beer

CREATION: TWO DIFFERENT PERSP

ENUMA ELISH
Babylonian Creation Story
(c. 1800–1100 BC)

THE COSMIC BATTLE
The world is created through violence and death.

Quote – Enuma Elish Tablet VI

"He split her like a shell into two halves; one he set up as a covering to create the heavens. The other he set up as the earth."

Marduk kills Tiamat (the primordial mother of all) and splits her body to form heaven and earth.

WHY MAN WAS CREATED
Man is made to serve the gods.

Quote – Enuma Elish Tablet VI

"Then the gods laid a great

KEY DIFFERENCES

VIOLENCE		SPEECH & POWER
GODS IN CONFLICT	VS.	ONE GOD IN CONTROL
MAN MADE TO SERVE	VS.	MAN MADE TO REFLECT
CHAOS & DEATH	VS.	ORDER & LIFE
GODS NEED MAN	VS.	GOD BLESSES MAN

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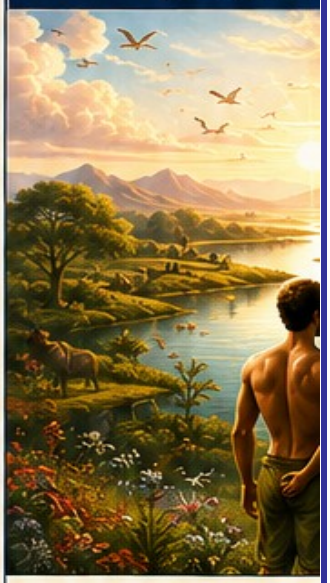

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Quote – Gene

Daniel - What he would have been taught

The Flood: Two Different Accounts

Gilgamesh Flood Story
(c. 2100–1200 BC)

The Reason for the Flood
The gods decide to flood the earth because humans are noisy and bring unrest to the gods.

Quote – Gilgamesh Tablet XI

"The gods were disturbed by the clamor of mankind... So Enlil raised the flood."

The Hero
Utnapishtim is warned by the god Ea in secret.

The Ark
He builds a large boat to save his family, craftsmen, and animals.

Testing the Waters
He releases a dove, swallow, and raven to see if the waters have receded.

After the Flood
Utnapishtim offers a sacrifice; the gods gather like flies around the offering.
He is granted immortality.

Biblical Perspective
This account reflects a pagan worldview: the gods are many, unpredictable, and harsh. Man seeks favor through offerings and earns survival through luck or the gods' whim.

Key Contrasts

Flood due to human noise and chaos		Flood due to human wickedness and violence
Many gods in conflict		One true God, just and holy
Warning given in secret		Warning given openly through prophets
Hero seeks gods' favor		God shows grace and makes a covenant
Immortality given to one man		Promise of life for all who trust in God

"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God."

Isaiah 43:12

Biblical Flood Account
(Genesis 6–9)

The Reason for the Flood
The earth is filled with violence and corruption.

Quote – Genesis 6:11–13

"The earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways."

The Righteous Man
Noah is a righteous man who walks with God.
He is warned openly.

The Ark
Noah builds the ark by God's instructions to save his family and animals.

Testing the Waters
He releases a raven, then a dove, until the dove returns with an olive leaf.

After the Flood
God makes a covenant with Noah, symbolized by the rainbow.

Biblical Truth
God is holy, just, and merciful. He judges sin but also provides salvation and makes a covenant of grace with humanity.

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god.'" Isaiah 44:6

Daniel - What he would have been

The Babylonian Base-60 System
Legacy of Sexagesimal Math

From Ancient Clay Tablets to Modern Clocks, Circles & Measurements

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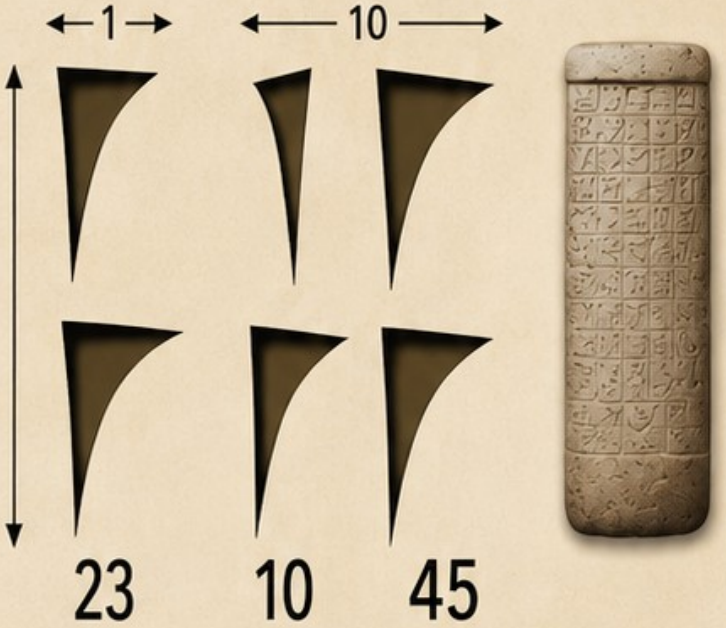

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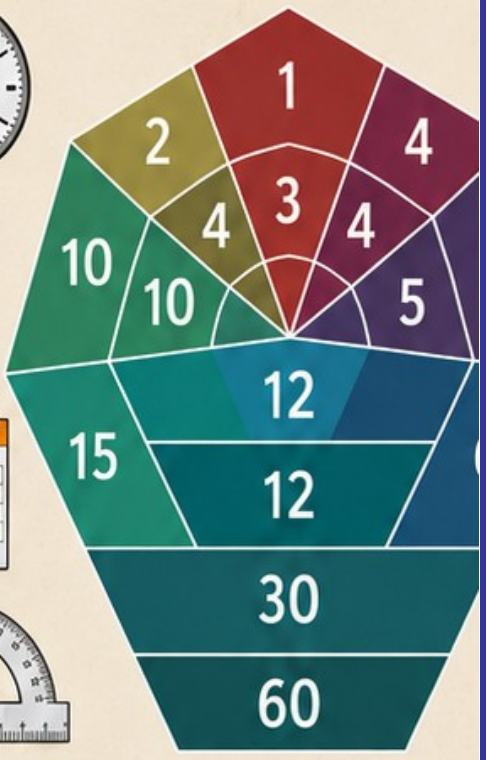

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DIETARY RULES IN THE BI

God's Plan Progressively Revealed

1. ADAM

Innocence – Freedom

Genesis 1:29

God gave Adam and Eve every plant for food.

"And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed… and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat."

Genesis 1:29

PERMITTED:
All plants and fruits.

NOT PROHIBITED:
No animal was forbidden. Death had not entered.

No dietary restrictions.
Only one command:
Do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:16-17)

2. NOAH

Post-Flood – Permission with Limitation

Genesis 9:3-4

After the flood, God allowed meat, but with a restriction.

"Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things."

"But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat."

Genesis 9:3-4

PERMITTED:
Plants and animals.

RESTRICTION:
Do not eat blood. (Genesis 9:4)

Very simple rule.
Not a list of clean and unclean animals.

3. MOSES

Mosaic Law – Clean & Unclean Animals

Leviticus 11; Deuteronomy 14

At Sinai, God gave specific dietary laws as part of the Mosaic Covenant.

"These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth."

Leviticus 11:2

"Whatsoever divideth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud… that shall ye eat."

Deuteronomy 14:6

PERMITTED (EXAMPLES):
Cows, sheep, goats, deer, fish with fins & scales, locusts.

FORBIDDEN (EXAMPLES):
Pork, shellfish, catfish, eagles, vultures, reptiles, insects (except locusts).
See Lev. 11; Deut. 14

These laws were part of the Mosaic Covenant to set Israel apart as a holy nation.
Leviticus 20:26

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WHY THE MOSAIC LAW HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HEALTH

The Bible shows the dietary laws were about holiness and obedience, not health.

1 Unclean Animals Were Not Unhealthy

Many "unclean" animals are healthy and eaten worldwide today.
Examples: Pork, shrimp, catfish, shellfish.
(Lev. 11:7-12)

2 Clean Animals Can Carry Disease

Many "clean" animals can carry diseases.
Examples: Cows (TB), sheep (brucellosis), even locusts (plagues).
(Lev. 11:22)

3 The Law Certain He…

Grapes could not… 3 years after plan… (Lev. 19:23-25)
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THE CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF DANIEL

GOD RULES HISTORY • THE MESSIAH IS CUT OFF • RESURRECTION AND RESTORATION COME

A — DANIEL 1 — EXILE BEGINS (BABYLON)

- Faithfulness under pressure (Dan 1:8)
- Wisdom given by God (1:17)
- Daniel stands before kings (1:19)

SUB-STRUCTURE 1 - ARAMAIC

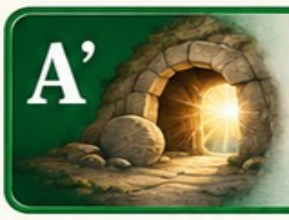
a	Daniel 2 — Statue of kingdoms (2:31–35)	Daniel 7 — Beasts → Son of Man kingdom (7:13–14)	**a'**
b	Daniel 3 — Furnace deliverance (3:24–27)	Daniel 6 — Lions' den deliverance (6:21–23)	**b'**
c	Daniel 4 — Nebuchadnezzar humbled (4:28–33)	Daniel 5 — Belshazzar judged (5:25–28)	**c'**

d — **Daniel 4:32 — *"The Most High rules the kingdom of men"***

SUB-STRUCTURE 2 - HEBREW

a	**Daniel 8:3–4** — Persia rises (ram) • Two horns: Media & Persia	**Daniel 11:36–45** — End of earthly kings • *"He shall come to his end, and none shall help him"* (11:45)	**a'**
b	**Daniel 8:5–7** — Greece conquers Persia (goat) • *"No one could rescue the ram"* (8:7)	**Daniel 11:21–35** — Persecuting king rises • *"He shall profane the temple"* (11:31) • *"He shall exalt himself"* (11:36)	**b'**
c	**Daniel 8:8–9** — Greek empire breaks into four • *"Four notable horns arose"* (8:8)	**Daniel 11:3–4** — Greek kingdoms divided again • *"His kingdom shall be broken and divided"* (11:4)	**c'**

d — **Daniel 9:26 — *"Messiah shall be cut off, but not for himself"***



A' — DANIEL 12 — RESTORATION AND RESURRECTION

- Great distress and God's people delivered (12:1)
- Many who sleep in the dust will awake (12:2)
- The wise will shine forever (12:3)
- Daniel's words sealed until the end (12;4,9)

GOD SOVEREIGNLY RULES HUMAN KINGDOMS (2–7) | THE MESSIAH IS CUT OFF (8–11) | RESTORATION AND RESURRECTION (12)

From exile to eternity, God's plan moves forward—through kingdoms, conflict, and the cross—to the resurrection and the eternal kingdom of the Son of Man.

DANIEL 1 & DANIEL 1

Bookends of Faithfulness, Wisdom, Revelation, and Ultimate Vin

DANIEL 1 AND DANIEL 12 FORM A POWERFUL LITERARY INCLUSIO (BOO
These four pairs show the strongest verbal and thematic parallels.

1 WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING ★

(Strongest Verbal Parallel)

DANIEL 1:17	DANIEL 12:10
"As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and **wisdom**, and Daniel had **understanding** in all visions and dreams."	"Many shall be understanding white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall **understand**, but **the wise** shall **understand**."

SHARED WORDS / THEMES

- Wisdom
- Understanding
- God-given insight
- The wise vs. those who do not understand

WHY IT'S SO STRONG

Both chapters emphasize that true understanding comes from God and belongs to the faithful, not simply to the intellectually gifted.

2 REVELATION OF MYSTERIES ★

DANIEL 1:17	DANIEL 12:4; 8–9
"...Daniel had **understanding** in all **visions** and dreams."	**DANIEL 12:4** "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end."
	DANIEL 12:8–9 "Although I heard, I did not **understand**... He said, 'Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and **sealed** till the time of the end.'"

SHARED WORDS / THEMES

- Daniel
- Understanding
- Visions
- Revelation / Hidden mysteries
- Revealed in God's time

WHY IT'S SO STRONG

The book begins with Daniel receiving the gift of understanding and ends with Daniel being told that some mysteries must remain sealed until God's appointed time.

3 FAITHFULNESS AND PURIFICATION

DANIEL 1:8	DANIEL 12:10
"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not **defile** himself..."	"Many shall be **purified**, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly."

SHARED WORDS / THEMES

- Purity
- Refusal to compromise
- Holiness
- Separation from corruption

WHY IT'S SO STRONG

Daniel personally chooses purity at the beginning of the book; by the end, the faithful community is purified through trial.

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SUMMARY CHIASM STRUCTURE

A Daniel refuses defilement (Daniel 1:8)

B God gives wisdom and understanding (Daniel 1:17)

C Daniel stands before the king (Daniel 1:19)

The entire book of Daniel is framed by **FAITHFULNESS, WISDOM, REVELATION,** and **ULTIMATE VINDICATION.**

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WHICH PAIR IS THE STRONGEST?

THE BIG PICTUR

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IN DANIEL 2 & 7

HEAD OF GOLD

BABYLON

606–539 BC

CHEST & ARMS OF SILVER

PERSIA

539–531 BC

BELLY & THIGHS OF BRONZE

GREECE

331–168 BC

LEGS OF IRON

ROME

168 BC–476 AD

FEET OF IRON AND CLAY

DIVIDED KINGDOMS

1 BABYLON

THE LION

DANIEL 7:4

Like a lion, with eagle's wings; its wings were plucked.

2 PERSIA

THE BEAR

DANIEL 7:5

Raised up on one side, with three ribs in its mouth.

3 GREECE

THE LEOPARD

DANIEL 7:6

Like a leopard, with four wings on its back and four heads.

4 ROME

THE DREADFUL BEAST

DANIEL 7:7

Terrifying and dreadful, with ten horns.

5 DIVIDED KINGDOMS

THE LITTLE HORN

DANIEL 3 & DANIEL 6
TWO FIERY TRIALS. ONE FAITHFUL G

Two different trials. Two different kings. But the **same unshakable faith** faithful God, and the **same amazing deliverance.**

DANIEL 3

Nebuchadnezzar demands worship of the golden image.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse and are thrown into the fiery furnace.

SAME FAITH

SAME GOD

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Darius signs a law fo anyone excep

Daniel continues p and is thrown into

POWERFUL SIMILARITIES

1	God's people refuse to compromise their faith and obedience.	FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE	Daniel refuses to stop p to God, even when it is
2	Pressure comes from an earthly king.	KING'S DEMAND	Pressure comes from an earthly king.
3	A penalty is decreed that cannot be changed.	IRREVERSIBLE DECREE	The law is written and s cannot be changed.
4	They are thrown into a deadly place.	DEADLY DANGER	Daniel is thrown into a deadly place.
5	God's presence with His people in the midst of the trial.	GOD'S PRESENCE	God sends an angel to s the lions' mouths.
6	The innocent are supernaturally delivered. Dan. 3:16–27	SUPERNATURAL DELIVERANCE	Daniel is unharmed in the lions' den.
7	The king sees, praises God, and promotes the faithful. Dan. 3:28–30	GOD GLORIFIED, FAITH REWARDED	The king praises God, and Daniel is honored.

DIFFERENT TRIALS, SAME TRUST

One trial was in fire.
The other was among lions

KEY TAKEAWA

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DANIEL CHAPTER 3

— CHIASTIC STRUCTURE —

God Is With His Servants in the Fire

STRUCTURE	DANIEL 3	FOCU
A	**3:1–7** Nebuchadnezzar makes a royal decree requiring everyone to worship the image.	A royal decree demands contrary to faithful wor
B	**3:8–12** The Jews are accused of refusing the king's command.	Faithfulness becomes t basis of the accusation.
C	**3:13–15** Nebuchadnezzar confronts Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.	The king personally confronts the crisis.
D	**3:16–18** They refuse to compromise: "our God...is able to deliver us."	The issue becomes whe God will deliver His ser
E	**3:19–23** The three men are thrown into the fiery furnace.	God's servant is condemned to death.
F	**3:24–25** Nebuchadnezzar sees a **FOURTH FIGURE** walking with the three in the fire.	**GOD IS P WITH HIS IN THE P OF DEAT**
E'	**3:26–27** They come out of the furnace unharmed; not even their hair is singed.	The condemned servant completely unharmed.
D'	**3:28** Nebuchadnezzar praises the God who delivered His servants.	The king recognizes Go power to deliver.
C'	**3:29** Nebuchadnezzar threatens anyone who speaks against their God.	The king turns judgmen those who opposed Go
B'	**3:30** Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego	God's faithful servant is

DANIEL CHAPTER 6

— CHIASTIC STRUCTURE —

God Delivers Daniel from the Lions' Den

STRUCTURE	DANIEL 6	FOCU
A	6:6–9 Darius makes a royal decree requiring everyone to petition only him.	A royal decree demands contrary to faithful wors
B	6:10–13 Daniel is discovered praying despite the king's command.	Faithfulness becomes th basis of the accusation.
C	6:14–17 Darius realizes Daniel has violated the decree and seeks to save him.	The king personally confronts the crisis.
D	6:19–20 Darius spends the night fasting and comes to the lions' den, asking whether God delivered Daniel.	The issue becomes whe God will deliver His serv
E	6:16–17 Daniel is thrown into the lions' den and the entrance is sealed.	God's servant is condemned to death.
F	6:21–22 Daniel declares, "**My God sent his angel**" and shut the lions' mouths.	**GOD I WITH IN THI OF DE**
E'	6:23 Daniel is brought out; "no wound was found on him."	The condemned servan completely unharmed.
D'	6:23 Darius rejoices that Daniel trusted in his God.	The king recognizes Go power to deliver.
C'	6:24 Darius orders the accusers to be punished.	The king turns judgment those who opposed God
B'		

DANIEL 4 & DANIEL 5

GOD DETERMINES WHICH KINGDOMS RISE AND

Different kings. Different circumstances. Same sovereign Go
He gives kingdoms—and He removes them.

DANIEL 4

PRIDE BEFORE THE FALL

King Nebuchadnezzar boasts about his greatness and the glory of his kingdom.

God humbles him:
He is driven from people, lives like an animal, and learns that "the Most High rules in the kingdom of men." (Dan. 4:25)

THE SAME SOVEREIGN GOD

He gives kingship to whom He chooses...

He removes kingship when He decrees.

DANIEL 4:17
DANIEL 5:21

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POWERFUL SIMILARITIES

1	The king's pride leads to God's intervention.	PRIDE	Nebuchadnezzar exalts himsel Belshazzar exalts himself.
2	God sends a warning—a dream or a message.	DIVINE WARNING	Nebuchadnezzar receives a dr Belshazzar sees the writing on
3	God reveals the meaning through Daniel.	GOD REVEALS THROUGH DANIEL	Daniel interprets the dream. Daniel interprets the writing.
4	The message: God is sovereign over kingdoms.	GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY	God gives kingdoms. God removes kingdoms.
5	Immediate or significant judgment follows.	SUDDEN JUDGMENT	Nebuchadnezzar is humbled fo Belshazzar is killed that very ni
6	The king (or kingdom) is replaced by one God establishes.	KINGDOMS ESTABLISHED BY GOD	Nebuchadnezzar returns and is Darius the Mede receives the k

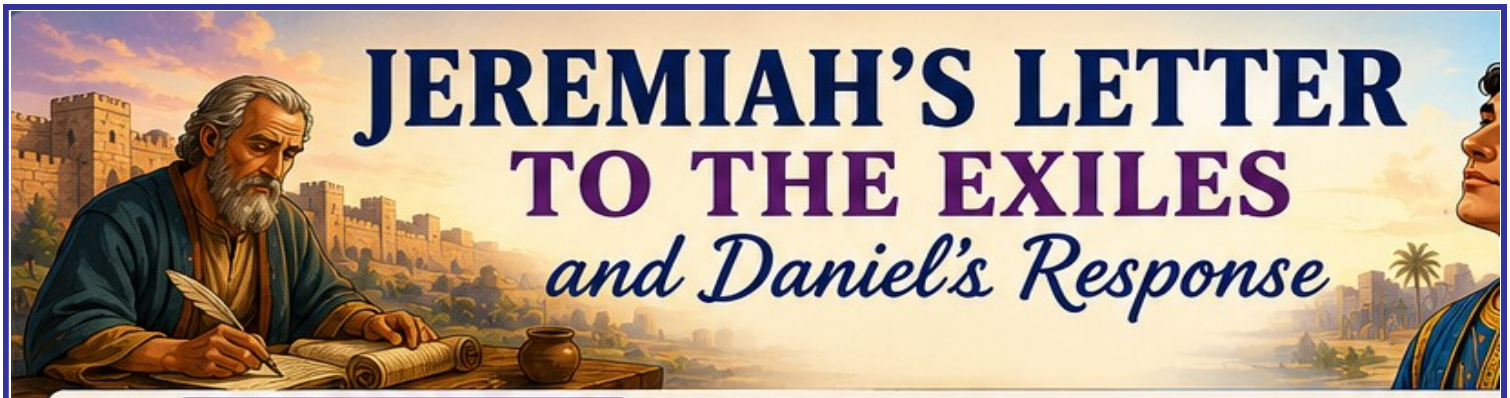
WHAT GOD DECLARED (DANIEL 4:17, 25)

"The Most High is ruler over the kingdom of men, and gives it to whom He will, and sets over it

GOD'S KINGDOM RULES ABOVE

WHAT GOD DECLARED

"He changes times and sea
He removes kings and raises kings; He gives wisd
to the wise and knowledge



JEREMIAH'S LETTER TO THE EXILES

and Daniel's Response

1. THE LETTER BEGINS

Jeremiah 29:1 (NLT)

Jeremiah wrote a letter from Jerusalem to the elders, priests, prophets, and all of the exiles who had been exiled to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar.

HOW IT RELATES TO DANIEL

- Daniel was among the exiles taken from to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar (Da
- While Jeremiah remained in Jerusalem, h letter to encourage and instruct the cap in Babylon—including Daniel.
- Daniel would have been expected to hea this letter. It spoke directly to his situati his future in Babylon.

2. THE LETTER: GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFE IN BABYLON

4 This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the capt he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem:
5 "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce.
6 Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away!
7 And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."
8 This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let yo prophets and fortune-tellers who are with you in the land of Babylon trick you. Do not listen to their dreams,
9 because they are telling you lies in my name. I have not sent them," says the LO
10 This is what the LORD says: "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again."
11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for gooc not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."
12 In those days when you pray, I will listen.
13 If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me." – Jeremiah 29:4–1

3. DANIEL READS AND UNDERSTANDS

Daniel 9:2 (NLT)

"In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures that according to the word of the LORD to the prophet Jeremiah, the

4. DANIEL ACTS ON JEREMIAH'S

Daniel served Babylon faithfully but never stopped serving God.

- He excelled in wisdom and knowledge and served in the Babylonian government (Daniel 1:17–21; 2:48–49).
- He remained faithful—he prayed

DANIEL 11:2–35

A DETAILED PROPHECY OF KINGS AND KINGDOM

COMPLETE KJV TEXT WITH HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT

Daniel 11 is one of the most detailed prophetic passages in Scripture. It reveals the rise and fall of kingdoms from the Persian Empire through the Hellenistic period, the conflicts between the Kings of the North and South, and the persecution of God's people.

God is sovereign in history—He raises up kings, removes them, and accomplishes His purposes.

OVERVIEW OF DANIEL 11

vv. 2–4
PERSIAN EMPIRE
The last kings of Persia and the rise of Greece

vv. 3–4
ALEXANDER THE GREAT
Conquers Persia and builds a vast empire

vv. 4
DIVISION OF GREECE
Alexander's empire divided into four kingdoms

vv. 5–20
THE CONFLICT BEGINS
Kings of the North (Syria) vs. Kings of the South (Egypt)

vv. 21–35
ANTIOCHUS IV EPIPHANES
Persecutes God's people; the Maccabean Revolt

THE FOUR KINGDOMS
(After Alexander the Great)

KEY PLAYERS THROUGHOUT DANIEL 11

KING OF THE SOUTH
(Egypt)
PTOLEMIES

A line of kings who ruled Egypt. They defended their kingdom.

KING OF THE NORTH
(Syria)
SELEUCIDS

A line of kings who ruled Syria. They sought to dominate others.

GOD REVEALS THE END FROM THE BEGINNING

"The Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will."
DANIEL 4:17

KINGS AND EMPIRES IN DANIEL 11

Persian Kings	The last four kings of Persia (vv. 2)	530–465 BC
Alexander the Great	Conquers Persia and builds a vast empire (vv. 3–4)	336–323 BC
Division of Greece	Alexander's empire divided into four kingdoms (v. 4)	323 BC
Kings of the North (Syria)	The Seleucid Empire (vv. 5–20)	312–167 BC
Kings of the South (Egypt)	The Ptolemaic Empire	305–30 BC

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DANIEL 11:2–4 THE PERSIAN EMP AND A MIGHTY KI

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DANIEL 11:2

"And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia: and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia."

DANIEL 11:3

"And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will."

DANIEL 11:4

"And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those."

HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT

2 THE LAST FOUR KINGS OF PERSIA

Daniel saw the final period of the Persian Empire. Three kings would arise, then a fourth who would be immensely wealthy and lead a great invasion against Greece.

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2. Smerdis (Gau
3. Darius I (Hyst
4. Xerxes I (Aha

CAMBYSES II
530–522 BC

SMERDIS
(GAUMATA)
522 BC

DARIUS I
(HYSTASPES)
522–486 BC

XERXES I
(AHASUERUS)
486–465 BC

3 A MIGHTY KING ARISES

After Persia, a mighty king from Greece would rise to power, rule with great authority, and accomplish extraordinary conquests.

- This refers to Alexander the Great (336–323 BC), king of Macedon.
- In a short time he conquered the Persian Empire.
- He defeated Darius III at the Battle of Issus (333 BC) and again at the Battle of Gaugamela (331 BC).
- His empire stretched from Greece to India.

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4 HIS KINGDOM SHALL BE BROKEN

After Alexander's death, his vast empire would not be given to his descendants. Instead, it would be divided among four of his generals, toward the four winds (north, south, east, west).

- Alexander died in Babylon in 323 BC at the age of 32.
- He had no surviving heir.
- His empire was divided among his four leading generals.

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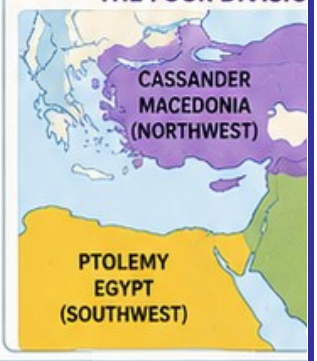

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

- Began with Cyrus the Great in 539 BC.
- Reached its greatest extent under Darius I.
- Included over 127 provinces and many peoples.

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DANIEL 11:5–8 THE CONFLICT BEGINS KINGS OF NORTH & SOU

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DANIEL 11:5

"And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be stronger than he, and have dominion: his dominion shall be a great dominion."

DANIEL 11:6

"And in the end of years they shall join together: for the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm, neither shall he stand, nor his arm; but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat three times."

DANIEL 11:7

"But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, and shall come against the host, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and deal against them, and prevail."

DANIEL 11:8

"And he shall carry captive into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north."

HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT (KINGS OF THE SOUTH vs. KINGS

From verse 5 onward, Daniel describes the long conflict between the Kin and the Kings of the North (Syria) from the time of Alexande

5 PTOLEMY I SOTER AND SELEUCUS I NICATOR

- Ptolemy I (Egypt) became very strong and built a great kingdom.
- Seleucus I, once a prince under Ptolemy, became stronger and established the Seleucid Empire in Syria.

PTOLEMY I (Egypt)

6 MARRIAGE ALLIANCE THAT ENDS IN TRAGEDY

- Berenice (daughter of Ptolemy II) married Antiochus II (246 BC) to secure peace.
- After Ptolemy II died (246 BC), Antiochus divorced Berenice.
- His new wife, Laodice, poisoned him in 246 BC.
- Berenice and her infant son were murdered.

BERENICE (Ptolemy II's daughter)

ANTIOCHUS II THEOS (Syria)

7 A BRANCH RISES FROM HER ROOTS

- Ptolemy III (brother of Berenice) avenged his sister's humiliation.
- In 245–241 BC he invaded Syria, defeated Antiochus II, captured many cities and treasures, and gained control.

PTOLEMY III'S CAMPAIGN II

PTOLEMY III EUERGETES (Berenice's brother) brother)

8 HE CARRIES AWAY THEIR GODS AND TREASURES

- Ptolemy III took idols, statues, silver, gold, and many valuable treasures to Egypt.
- His reign (246–221 BC) was

DANIEL 11:9–12 THE CONFLICT BEG KINGS OF NORTH &

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DANIEL 11:9

"So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land."

DANIEL 11:10

"But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return and be stirred up, even to his fortress."

DANIEL 11:11

"And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall go forth, and fight with the king of the north; and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand."

DANIEL 11:12

"And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened by it."

HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT (KINGS OF THE SOUTH vs. KIN

From verse 9 onward, the conflict intensifies. Antiochus III continues his campaigns against Egypt and the rising pov

9 THE KING OF THE SOUTH RETURNS TO HIS OWN LAND

- After Antiochus III defeated Ptolemy IV in Syria, he entered Egypt.
- Ptolemy IV fled, leaving Egypt in Antiochus' control.
- Antiochus took the riches of Egypt (gold, silver, grain, and precious items) and then returned to his own land (Syria).

Antiochus III in Egypt c. 198 BC

10 HIS SONS RAISE A GREAT ARMY AND OVERFLOW INTO THE NORTH

- After Antiochus III's death (187 BC), his son Seleucus IV Philopator became king.
- His brothers (Antiochus IV Epiphanes and others) were stirred up and gathered a huge army.
- They marched north, invaded Asia Minor and other northern territories, plundering cities and returning to their stronghold.

SELEUCUS IV PHILOPATOR'S

11 THE KING OF THE SOUTH FIGHTS THE KING OF THE NORTH

- Seleucus IV turned his armies against the King of the North—the rising power of Rome.
- The great battle of Magnesia was fought in 190 BC (during Antiochus III's reign, continuing the Seleucid conflict with Rome).
- The Seleucid army was large, but Rome's disciplined legions brought victory.

THE BATTLE OF MAGN

"And he shall set forth a great multitude; but the (Daniel 11:11 K

KING OF THE SOUTH (Seleucid Empire)

- Seleucus IV Philopator
- Large army with elephants, cavalry, and infantry
- Strong in numbers

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- Roman
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- Strong

12 HE TAKES THE SPOILS BUT IS NOT STRENGTHENED

- The King of the South (Seleucus IV) won battles and captured many

SPOILS OF WAR TAKEN BY S

DANIEL 11:13–16 ANTIOCHUS III DEFEATS THE SC

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DANIEL 11:13

"For the king of the north shall return, and raise up a greater multitude than before, and after a certain time he shall be greatly rich with much goods and with silver and with gold, and with the treasures of Egypt and of Ethiopia."

DANIEL 11:14

"And tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and to utterly make away many."

DANIEL 11:15

"So he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."

DANIEL 11:16

"But he that cometh against him shall do according to his will; and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which in his hand shall be consumed."

HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT

These verses describe Antiochus III ("the Great"), one of the of the Seleucid Empire. He reversed earlier losses, campaigr against Egypt, captured key cities, took control of Palestine (i and became master of the eastern Mediterranean.

13 ANTIOCHUS III GATHERS A GREATER ARMY AND BECOMES GREATLY RICH.

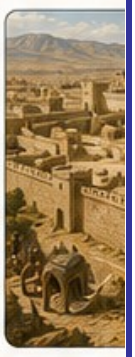
- Antiochus III rebuilt his forces and launched a major campaign against Egypt around 198–197 BC.
- He plundered Egypt's possessions in Asia and Africa, gaining enormous wealth—silver, gold, and treasures from Egypt and Ethiopia (Nubia).

14 DISTURBING NEWS FROM THE EAST AND NORTH DRIVES HIM TO WAR.

- News of Roman involvement in Greek affairs and unrest in Asia Minor troubled him.
- He reacted with great fury, attacking his enemies and destroying many.

15 HE TAKES CONTROL OF STRATEGIC PLACES AND CONTROLS JERUSALEM.

- He took control of key cities in the region and established his presence in Judea.
- In 198 BC he entered Jerusalem and was recognized by the high priest, taking the title "Epiphanes" (the God Manifest). (1 Macc. 1:10)
- His end came years later—he was assassinated in 187 BC while plundering a temple in Persia (2 Macc. 9:5). No one helped him.



16 HE IS DEFEATED BY A STRONGER POWER.

- Antiochus III pushed his power to the limit, but Rome had now become the dominant power.
- He was decisively defeated by the Romans at the Battle of Magnesia in 190 BC.
- Rome dictated terms, and the once mighty king of the north was forced to submit.

ANTIOCHUS III AT A GLANCE

Name	Antiochus III (the Great)
Kingdom	Seleucid Empire (King of the North)
Reign	223–187 BC
Notable Achievements	• Recovered lost Seleucid lands • Defeated Egypt and took its wealth • Controlled Asia Minor, Syria, Phoenicia, and Judea

MAP: ANTIOCHUS III'S EMPIRE c. 200 BC

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Antiochus III

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DANIEL 11:17

"But he shall set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done."

DANIEL 11:18

"And he shall turn his face toward the isles, and shall take many: but a prince of the covenant shall stop him: and he shall turn back, and have indignation against the holy covenant; so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant."

DANIEL 11:19

"And he shall throw down the truth to the ground; and he shall do exploits, and shall prosper."

DANIEL 11:20

"And he shall stand up in his estate, and shall send forth the exactor to glory over the kingdom: but within a few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor

HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT (KINGS OF THE SOUTH vs. KIN

From verse 17 onward, the prophecy looks beyond Antiochus III to future events that fulfill the pattern of the conflict. Man find their ultimate fulfillment in Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175

17 HE SETS HIS FACE TO EXALT HIMSELF AND SPEAK AGAINST GOD

- Antiochus IV Epiphanes became king in 175 BC.
- He set his face to strengthen his kingdom by military power and political control.
- He exalted himself as "god" and required his subjects to worship him.
- He spoke blasphemous words against the God of Israel.
- He prospered for a time until judgment came upon him.

ANTIOCHUS IV EPIF

He set up an image of himse and called himself "Epiphanes

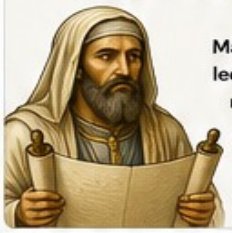
18 HE TURNS TOWARD THE ISLES, BUT IS STOPPED BY A PRINCE OF THE COVENANT

- Antiochus IV turned toward the coastlands and islands of the Mediterranean and conquered many (including Cyprus and parts of Egypt's territory).
- He was opposed by a "prince of the covenant" (a faithful Jewish leader).
- He then turned back in rage against the covenant people.
- He made an agreement with those who apostatized (Gentile rulers and Hellenized Jews).

HE CONQUERS MANY ISLAND

Antiochus IV extended his power to

THE PRINCE OF THE COVENANT



Matthias and the Maccabees led the faithful remnant to resist Antiochus IV.

(1 Maccabees 2:24–27; 2 Maccabees 6–8)

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19 HE THROWS DOWN THE TRUTH TO THE GROUND AND DOES EXPLOITS

- Antiochus IV attacked everything that represented the truth of God.
- He outlawed the Torah, destroyed Scriptures, and punished those who obeyed God.
- He did many cruel and shocking acts, yet he prospered for a time through military success.

"He shall do exploits" – Bold, ruthless actions against God's people and His truth.

20 HE STANDS IN HIS ESTATE, BUT IS SUDDENLY DESTROYED

- Antiochus IV tried to collect heavy taxes and tribute to fund his wars and glorify himself.
- But in a short time, he was struck down.

DEATH OF

DANIEL 11:21–24 THE CONFLICT CONTIN KINGS OF THE SOUTH vs. KINGS OF THE NOR

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DANIEL 11:21

"And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries."

DANIEL 11:22

"And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant."

DANIEL 11:23

"And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and become strong with a small people."

DANIEL 11:24

"And he shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall distribute among them the prey, and

HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT (KINGS OF THE SOUTH vs. KING

Verses 21–24 describe how Antiochus IV Epiphanes deceives a his enemies, breaks his covenant, and plunders the land. Th fulfilled in the mid-2nd century BC.

21 A VILE PERSON RISES AND GAINS THE KINGDOM THROUGH FLATTERIES

- Antiochus IV was not the rightful heir to the throne.
- He used charm, promises, and political skill to win support and seize power.
- He came to power without a major battle.
- He was a cruel and godless ruler.

ANTIOCHUS IV EP

Antiochus IV rose to p political maneuvering,

22 HE IS OVERWHELMED BY A FLOOD OF ATTACKS, AND THE PRINCE OF THE COVENANT IS BROKEN

- Egypt (to the south) launched a strong military invasion against Antiochus.
- Antiochus was driven back and humiliated.
- The "prince of the covenant" refers to Onias III, the faithful high priest who was killed.
- This showed Antiochus' hatred for the true worship of God.

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Antiochus was crushed Onias III, the faithful h

23 HE BREAKS HIS COVENANT AND RISES WITH A SMALL BUT LOYAL FOLLOWING

- Antiochus made a peace treaty with the Romans.
- Soon after, he broke that treaty and resumed war.
- He returned with a small but loyal army.
- His deceit and betrayal are clear.

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24 HE ENTERS THE LAND, PLUNDERS ITS RICHES, AND PLANS AGAINST STRONGHOLDS

- Antiochus invaded the rich and fertile regions of Judah and other lands.
- He looted treasures, took captives, and distributed the plunder among his people.
- He built fortresses and planned future attacks.
- He did what no previous king had done.

PLUNDER AN

Antiochus plundered th to maintain control and

DANIEL 11:25–28

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DANIEL 11:25

"And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall imagine devices against him."

DANIEL 11:26

"Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain."

DANIEL 11:27

"And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table: but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time determined."

DANIEL 11:28

"Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall return, and have

HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT (KINGS OF THE SOUTH vs. KING

Verses 25–28 continue the prophecy of Antiochus IV Epipha conflicts end in his defeat, but not before he shows great dece toward God and His people.

25 HE STIRS UP HIS POWER AGAINST THE KING OF THE SOUTH, BUT DOES NOT PREVAIL

- Antiochus IV gathered a large army for one final campaign against Egypt.
- The king of the south (Ptolemy VI) also prepared a massive army to defend himself.
- Despite his strength and confidence, Antiochus' plans failed.
- Egypt's resistance and God's providence prevented his victory.

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Antiochus marched with of the south stood agains

26 HE IS BETRAYED AND DEFEATED BY HIS OWN ALLIES

- Antiochus was betrayed by those who had shared his wealth and benefits.
- Heliodorus, his own treasurer, turned against him in Egypt.
- Antiochus' army was routed, and many of his men were killed.
- His proud campaign ended in disgrace.

BETRAYA

Antiodorus, Antiochus leading to his defeat and

27 BOTH KINGS PLAN EVIL TOGETHER, BUT THEIR PLAN WILL FAIL

- After Antiochus returned, he and the king of the south entered into a false alliance.
- They plotted evil against others and spoke deceitfully over a shared table.
- This alliance was not genuine and brought no lasting success.
- God had already determined the end.

A FALSE

Antiochus and the king based on deceit, l

28 HE RETURNS WITH RICHES AND TURNS AGAINST THE HOLY COVENANT

- Antiochus returned to his land with great wealth from Egypt.
- His heart turned against God and His covenant people once again.
- He renewed his alliance with apostate Jews who had abandoned their faith.
- This led to the abomination of desolation and

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Antiochus opposed Go

DANIEL 11:29–32

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DANIEL 11:29

"At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter."

DANIEL 11:30

"For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant."

DANIEL 11:31

"And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate."

DANIEL 11:32

"And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flattery: but the people that do know their God

HISTORICAL FULFILLMENT (KINGS OF THE SOUTH vs. KING

Verses 29–32 describe Antiochus IV's final moves—returning
bringing in foreign allies, desecrating the temple, and facin
who stand strong for God.

29 HE RETURNS AGAIN AT THE APPOINTED TIME, BUT HIS NEXT CAMPAIGN IS DIFFERENT

- Antiochus returned to fight against Egypt once more.
- This time his approach and outcome would be different from his previous campaigns.
- He was overconfident but would face unexpected opposition.
- God was in control of the timing and the outcome.

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Antiochus returns at t
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30 THE SHIPS OF CHITTIM COME AGAINST HIM, AND HE TURNS AGAIINST THE HOLY COVENANT

- Ships from Chittim (Rome) came to support Egypt.
- This alarmed Antiochus, causing him to retreat in anger.
- In his frustration, he turned against the Jews and the holy covenant.
- He allied with apostate Jews who had abandoned their faith for political gain.

THE SHIPS OF

Roman ships come to Eg
to withdraw and lash

31 HE DESECRATES THE TEMPLE AND STOPS THE DAILY SACRIFICE

- Antiochus brought an army into Jerusalem.
- He polluted the temple with idolatrous pagan rites.
- He stopped the daily sacrifices that honored God.
- He set up the "abomination that maketh desolate" (an idol or pagan altar) in the holy place.

THE ABOMINATI

Antiochus desecrates
sacrifices, and s

32 HE CORRUPTS SOME BY FLATTERY, BUT THE FAITHFUL REMAIN STRONG

- Antiochus used flattery, bribes, and promises to turn many Jews away from their faith.
- But those who knew their God remained faithful.
- They stood strong, resisted compromise, and performed great exploits for God.
- This faithful remnant will be honored by God.

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